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In re Application of:

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For: HYBRID ELECTRICAL-OPTICAL
CABLE FOR OVERHEAD
INSTALLATIONS

Group Art Unit: 2831

Examiner: William H. Mayo III

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

CORRECTED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 17-20 and 22-26, as reported in the AMENDED SHEETS attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated 21 September 2000, in International Application No. PCT/EP99/05023 as follows:

Prior to claim 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert therefor

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--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--

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2. (Amended) Cable according to claim 1, wherein the material of said tubular structure is selected from (a) metals, (b) metal alloys, and (c) high-modulus polymers.

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4. (Amended) Cable according to claim 2, wherein said high-modulus polymers comprise polypropylene, modified polypropylene, polybutylene terephthalate, polyether imides or polyether sulphones.

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